

Rockland Council on Aging

Secretaries Report

Wednesday April 23, 2014

With a quorum present, Beverly Ladner, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:10

Roll Call: Audrey Ryan, Lorraine Ahern, Eleanor Cole, Lu Crowley, Chris Kelly, and John Rogers. Absent: Ed Borges. Excused: Cynda Childs and Patti Penney. Resigned: Grace DiTocco

Old Colony Elder Services: Agnes Smith - Excused
Old Colony Planning: Rita Howes

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting / Secretaries Report: A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as presented, seconded by Chris Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as presented, seconded by Eleanor Cole; the vote was unanimous.

Warrant Report: The Bill Warrant was duly signed.

North River School - \$45.00

A motion was made by John Rogers to amend the April Warrant total from \$585.27 to \$428.90.

Outreach Report: A motion was made by John Rogers to accept the report as presented and seconded by Audrey Ryan; the vote was unanimous.

Director's Report: The Director Peg Bryan signed a new 3 year contract with the Town of Rockland. The contract adds \$1,000.00 to her base pay and the Director's vacation time was increased from 3 weeks to 4 weeks. Sick leave benefits remain the same.

A vote was made to request that the selectman appoint "Old Colony Elder Services" delegate; Agnes Smith to another term. Motion made by Lorraine Ahern and 2nd by Eleanor Cole. The vote was unanimous.

The lunch program this summer will be staffed by Brenda who is paid under Title 3 Funding. Her helper will be Mary Murphy who is also "Safe Certified". Mary will work 15 hours a week/3 hours daily. Her salary of \$165.00 for the 9 week period will come from the contributions budget. Motion made by John Rogers and 2nd Audrey Ryan. The vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports: John Rogers reported that there will be a dinner for the “Major Donors” for the new senior center on Wednesday June 4, 2014 at the new center at 317 Plain Street, Rockland @ 6:00. The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday June 7, 2014 @ 11:30 AM.

Old Colony Elder Services: No Report

Old Colony Planning Council – Rita Howes reported on the OC Planning Council – Rita is a member appointed by the Town of Rockland. Old Colony Planning Council oversees 600 units. Rita reported that money is extremely tight and that there will be less spending.

Director Bryan commented that she has not received any donations since January from Patrick at OCPC. This has impacted the lunch budget since these monies were used for this program.

Rita also reported that there will be a meeting for seniors scheduled for 1:30 at the Pembroke Senior Center. She will obtain brochures and any information and present it to the COA at the next meeting scheduled for May 14, 2014.

There was discussion about the need for additional members on the COA due to sickness and resignations. There was interest among clients who are very involved and knowledgeable about the workings of the COA. Several applications were distributed and completed and will be sent to the Selectman’s office immediately.

Director Peg Bryan discussed the two positions, now posted at the Town Hall for (19 hours weekly) for a receptionist and a custodian. There will be a volunteer receptionist who will work on Mondays from 8-2.

A motion was made by Lorraine Ahern to change the current time of the meeting from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM starting at the next meeting May 14, 2014. The motion was 2nd by John Rogers. This vote was unanimous.

As there was no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Lu Crowley to adjourn at 9:50 AM and seconded by Eleanor Cole - the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Ahern
Secretary COA